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Residents, visitors search for bargains

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As you drive down Highway 1 and see the Aloha Stadium on your right side, a sports fans first thoughts might be upcoming football season, but for a bargain buyer, they see a place outside the gates where they can buy everything from local arts to sunglasses on a low budget.

Aside from football, the Aloha Stadium is home to the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet, Hawaii's biggest outdoor swap meet.

"I recently moved here and my wife and I needed stuff for our apartment, and this guy I work with said this is the place to get a lot of good things to decorate my place with, for a really cheap price," said Sam Touissant, charter boat owner. "We're trying to decorate our place as nice as possible and spend as little money as possible because a lot things are so expensive in Hawaii."

Touissant said he and his wife bought a few statues, candles, blankets and a set of knives for their kitchen while at the swap meet.

"We haven't even been half way around the swap shop yet and we've already bought a ton of stuff," said the Lawton, Okla. native. "They've got a lot of different items from different cultures it seems too. We've seen a lot of oriental statues and Polynesian jewelry that vendors are selling."

The Aloha Stadium Swap Meet is ran by Centerplate and has been Hawaii's premier outdoor market since 1979, said Pamela L. Sakeris, Centerplate representative. She continued, "The stadium offers shoppers over 700 vendors to shop from and has anything a person can think of pretty much," said Sakeris. "A lot of fam-

ilies will have a tent or some tables set up at the swap meet selling homemade items in order to share something that was passed on to them from their culture. To a lot of people it's more then just a swap meet, it's away to show people how they express themselves."

According to Sakeris, there are also many vendors selling food for people to snack on while shopping.

"When the swap meet is going on the stadium has concessions open outside the stadium at gate numbers one and four, and inside the stadium at gate number six," said the Aiea, Hawaii native. "Restrooms are also open and can be found at any of the concession areas. Not all of the vendors accept credit cards so ATM's (automatic teller machine) are located all around the stadium and swap meet area."

Sakeris said the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet is a good place to come even if you're not on a shopping spree.

"It's not really just about the great bargains, Hawaii is one of the most diverse places in the United States, which makes the swap meet a very interesting and colorful place to go," said the 37-year-old.

For shoppers 12-years-old and above it costs 50 cents per person. If you're 11 or younger then the swap meet is free of charge.

The swap meet is open on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"The swap meet has been around for a while now, and I think it's a great place that everyone should come check out at least once," said Jason Otto, knife vendor.

For more information about the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet, contact Centerplate at 488-0924



Christopher J. Tenakata, construction worker, looks at knives at one of the vendors at the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet.



A shopper scoops up scented crystals in order to smell their air-freshening qualities. The swap meet is open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.



A local vendor at Aloha Stadium Swap Meet sells crystal Eiffel Tower and Sears Tower figurines, along with a variety of other statuettes.

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Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill
254-7660/7661

Tonight is Latin Night — featuring El Conjunto Tropical. This band will play merengue, bachata, cumbia and other tropical tunes, beginning at 10 p.m.

Freestyle Battle at Kahuna’s — Saturday at 7:30 p.m. is free for spectators and \$5 for participants. The first place winner will take home a cash prize.

Staff NCO Club
254-5481

Administrative Professional’s Day Lunch — at the club this Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parties of 8 or more, please call the club for advanced seating arrangements.

The Officers’ Club
254-7650

Administrative Professional’s Day Lunch will be served at the O’ Club on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All Hands

Today, Pre-ACT Practice Testing is being offered at the Joint Education Testing in preparation for the official ACT. This session is open to all active duty and military ID cardholders. Registration is required by calling 257-2158.

PCS Move Workshop will be held Wednesday for single and married service members and their families to provide information, resources and tools needed to plan a permanent change of station move. Presentations will include information from TMO, Housing, TLA, Finance Office, Personal Financial Counselor, EFMP Coordinator and TRICARE as well as a Relocation and Anti-Terrorism Level 1 brief. Registration is necessary. Attendance is mandatory for active duty Marine Corps personnel per MCO 1320.11E. To sign up call 257-7790.

Key Volunteer Training this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday includes the Basic and Coordinator training to assist unit families by acting as a personal communication link between the Commanding Officer and the families.

For more information, call 257-2410 or 257-7777.

Sponsorship Training will be held Thursday and is mandatory for all personnel assigned as sponsors for inbound service members. It provides a complete outline of sponsor’s duties. For more information, call the Relocation Assistance Program at 257-7790.

The MCBH Annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony will take place on Thursday at Kahuna’s Community Ballroom at 9 a.m. For more information call 257-7786.

Secretary Appreciation — Next Friday, 11 a.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel. Show your appreciation with a little hip hop & soul at this annual Secretary’s Day Luncheon. For more details call 955-055 ext. 546.

Ongoing

Military Child Month Specials will be available at Information Tickets and Tours. Now, until next Sunday. Roberts Hawaii will be offering “Buy Two Regular Adult Military Price, Get One Military Child (4-11yrs.) Free” for the Magic of Polynesia Spectacular (show only performances) and Ali’i Kai Catamaran Dinner Cruises.

For information and reservations, contact I.T.T. at 254-7563 for details.

Exceptional Family Member Program Special, a three-day support group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the LINKS house in Building 3074. Childcare is provided free of charge.

For more details, call 257-7783.

Former DI leads first
Distribution Ops platoon



Photo courtesy of 1st Lt. Carl DeSantis

Staff Sgt. Robert Lytle (left), infantry platoon sergeant, Distributed Operations Platoon, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, from Asheville, N.C., stands next to his platoon commander, 1st Lt. Carl DeSantis, from Reno, Nev., by way of Folsom, Calif., while high in the mountains on a mission near Camp Blessing in Nangalam, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Joe Lindsay
3rd Marine Regiment

NANGALAM, Afghanistan – Until he took over as the first infantry platoon sergeant for the first Distributed Operations Platoon ever sent to a combat zone, Staff Sgt. Robert Lytle said he thought the time he spent previously as a drill instructor at Parris Island would be the apex of his career.

That was before he came to Afghanistan with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, based out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, to lead 1/3’s Distributed Operations Platoon in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“After my tour as a drill instructor, I never thought anything could top that,” commented Lytle, a native of Asheville, N.C., who served a tour on the drill field before transferring to Hawaii. “That was my thinking prior to coming to 1/3, though, and join-

ing the DO Platoon.”

Upon arriving at MCB Hawaii, Lytle said he heard about a new concept created by the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab in Quantico, Va., that, he said, “Sounded like it was cutting edge, while at the same time empowering small unit leaders.”

“After researching the DO concept a little more, I knew it was for me and quickly volunteered for the platoon,” continued Lytle, who soon thereafter departed with the rest of the newly formed platoon for Fort Hunter Liggett in Jolon, Calif., to begin what would turn out to be an arduous four-month training regime.

“Myself and 42 other Marines from 1/3 trained from early July to late October last year, learning everything there is to know about distributed operations,” said Lytle, a 1996 graduate of Asheville High School who joined the Corps a year later. “It was some of the toughest and most important

training I’d ever heard of, much less been a part of.”

According to Lytle, the hallmark of distributed operations is its ability to cover more ground with less Marines, while at the same time decentralizing the command so Marines on the ground engaging the enemy have more decision making responsibility.

“It just makes sense, that a Marine who is right there in the action can make a decision to do what he feels is in the best interest for mission accomplishment, rather than having him have to relay his recommendations, wait for a reply, and then act,” said Lytle. “It’s really nothing new. The Marine Corps has always trusted its small unit leaders. Now, they are just trusting us more.”

But first, that trust had to be earned.

“At Fort Hunter Liggett we emphasized brilliance in the basics,” said Lytle. “Every Marine in DO knows his job, and the job of every other Marine in the platoon. Any Marine can fill in for any other Marine if we take casualties. All my Marines have the ability to call-for-fire, operate a squad automatic weapon and perform just about any small unit leadership role you can imagine, including leading a fire team, squad or even a platoon.”

“I don’t feel threatened knowing that any Marine in this platoon could take my job and do it just as well as me,” continued Lytle. “On the contrary, it’s a great feeling knowing your guys are prepared to accomplish the mission no matter what.”

Others weren’t so quick to dismiss Lytle’s role in the success of 1/3’s Distributed Operations Platoon.

“We wouldn’t be where we are today at the level we are at without Staff Sergeant Lytle’s leadership,” said Cpl. Alexis Ayala, 1st Squad Leader, Distributed Operations Platoon, 1/3. “I don’t even know where to start when it comes to talking about him.”

“He is without a doubt the best

platoon sergeant I have ever had,” continued Ayala, a native of Morgantown, N.C., who was awarded the Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device for his heroic actions in Iraq during the battle of Fallujah on 1/3’s last combat deployment. “Staff Sergeant Lytle is somebody who I admire and try to shadow a lot. I try to model myself after his example, and envision myself trying to become the type of Staff NCO he is when my time comes.”

Other Marines from 1/3’s Distributed Operations Platoon spoke of Lytle in a similar vein.

“I’ve seen a lot of leaders in my day,” said Gunnery Sgt. Jack Scheaffer, a project officer with the MCWFL who joined the Marine Corps in 1968 and is currently serving with the Distributed Operations Platoon at 1/3’s forward operating base at Camp Blessing in Nangalam. “He is doing an awful lot of good things, and is a very good Staff NCO.”

“He cares very much about his people, and that is a very significant thing,” continued Scheaffer, a native of Richfield, Pa. “You look back on that age old conflict between mission accomplishment and troop welfare and he has found a way to strike a balance between the two and achieve both.”

For his part, Lytle said there is another age old conflict he will have to deal with when he gets back to Hawaii.

“Who’s the boss?” said Lytle, chuckling to himself. “My wife, Taraa, is a Navy corpsman who was just accepted into a commissioning program to become a naval officer. She’s an aggressive, pro-active woman who makes the most of her opportunities. I’m proud of her. She has been my inspiration throughout this deployment, but I have also been inspired by the dedication of the Marines in 1/3’s DO Platoon. Serving here in Afghanistan with them has been the highlight of my career.”

2006 Navy Earth Day Fair

April 21 & 22 (Friday & Saturday)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at The Mall at Pearl Harbor

Educational Exhibits

Friday, April 21 Exhibitors:

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
e-Vehicles of Hawaii
Grainger
General Electric
Hawaiian Electric Company
Hoku Scientific
TnT Tinting

Free Games, Activities & Prizes

Saturday, April 22 Exhibitor:

City & County of Honolulu Environmental Services
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
Department of Land and Natural Resources Boating and Ocean Recreation
Federal Fire Department
General Electric
Hawaii Nature Center
Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources
Hawaiian Island Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary
Naval Pacific Meteorological Center/ Joint Typhoon Warning Center
Navy Hawaii Energy Team
Navy Region Hawaii Installation Restoration Program
Navy Region Hawaii Recycling Program
NOAA Fisheries
Oahu Invasive Species Committee
The Dolphin Institute
TnT Tinting
U.S. Coast Guard Sea Partners Program

Coloring Contest

Open to all Military family members, 10 years and under. Entries at The Mall at Pearl Harbor Customer Service. Deadline Tuesday, April 18 at noon. See Customer Service for details.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: For Friday and Saturday shows at 7:15, prices are \$3 for adults, 12 and older; \$1.50 for children 6 to 11. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16-years-old and younger. Prices for Sunday, Wednesday shows at 6:30 and Friday and Saturday shows at 9:45 are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Show your ID card when purchasing tickets. Entry is free for children 5 and younger.

Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with picture taking capability (items will be returned after screening), magnetometer wandling, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening.

The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For recorded information, call the Base Theater at 254-7642.

Eight Below (PG)
Date Movie (PG-13)
The Pink Panther (PG)
Running Scared (R)
Eight Below (PG)
Date Movie (PG-13)
Freedomland (R)
Madea’s Family Reunion (PG-13)
Running Scared (R)

Today at 7:15 p.m.
Today at 9:45 p.m.
Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Friday at 7:15 p.m.
Friday at 9:45 p.m.

Financial forum educates military

Staff Sgt Ronna M. Weyland
Press Chief

HONOLULU, Hawaii — A free financial forum for military members and their families was held at the Hawaii Convention Center here April 12.

Using the funds from fines levied on the investment industry, the NASD Investor Education Foundation, in partnership with Pacific Command Military Family Support Centers, hosted the Financial Education Forum to better educate service members throughout the United States.

“Financial readiness is a key element to military readiness,” said Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, commander Navy Region Hawaii, commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

He continued to say research shows the military community is lacking in financial awareness.

U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka was also present to talk to attendees.

“(The service member) should be equipped with the tools to make a sound investment in their future,” he said.

Akaka also said he hoped the audience

would leave the forum with more confidence in managing their money.

The one-day event focused on gaining confidence in saving and investing money. The saveandinvest.org Web site was introduced as well.

According to Robert R. Glauber, NASD chairman and CEO, the sites goal is to improve the saving and investing knowledge of service members and their families.

“Education is the best way to protect investors from costly mistakes and we want to make sure that service members and their families know about the wide range of resources available to them,” he said.

Two different break-out sessions were held in the afternoon and attendees could choose from an array of topics to include, mutual funds, 529 plans and more, smart saving for retirement and what to look for in an investment broker.

“I believe that (the forum) was extremely helpful even though I have been very proactive in my retirement,” said Chief Petty Officer Cesar Astorga, Marine Aircraft Group 24, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. “They should be doing this type of financial planning forums for all military personnel on a yearly basis.”



Army Pvt.2 Matthew C. Moeller

Navy Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale, commander Navy Region Hawaii, Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, speaks to military members serving in Hawaii about the importance of fiscal responsibility, during a free financial education forum hosted by the National Association of Securities Dealers Investor Education Foundation (NASD) at the Hawaii Convention Center April 12.

Attendees pray at annual breakfast



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Marines stand for the performance of the National Anthem by Cathy Waiamau, singer. The playing came as a close to the event, dedicated to all the troops.

Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

The morning of April 13 was filled with inspirational speakers and good food, as the 27th Annual Hawaii Prayer Breakfast 2006 occurred at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in the Coral Ballroom.

Marines, soldiers and other military members along with civilians attended the event that opened with a pre-breakfast concert from the Royal Hawaiian Band, before welcoming speakers such as Governor Linda Lingle and U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka.

“We appreciate our various religions, and our diversity on this island,” said Lingle. “We respect all of these through the spirit of Aloha.”

“Prayer is where we find strength,” said Lingle. “I feel that any leader who faces challenges, eventually at a point turns to prayer.”

According to Daniel Akaka, U.S. Senator, the Annual Prayer Breakfast originated in 1942 when a group of members from the United States Senate and House of Representatives began meeting when the war in the U.S. was beginning to escalate.

“They talked about what was happening to

the country and thought that people should take the time to pray,” said Akaka. “It wasn’t until 1952 that President Eisenhower was introduced to this, and in 1953, he set it as a national event. Since then, we have had these breakfasts every year.”

The keynote speaker was Russell O’Quinn, an internationally known test pilot and aircraft designer.

O’Quinn spoke of his youth and how God eventually came into his life after a devastating time and has helped him every day since to achieve all of his life dreams.

“You can dream many things,” said O’Quinn. “But unless God is the author of your dreams, you will be disappointed.”

“We are a praying nation,” said O’Quinn. “If you walk up to almost anyone on the street and ask them if they pray, most of them will say yes. But, do people know whom they are praying to? I am here to brief you on this and introduce you to a man like no one has ever known. His name was and is Jesus Christ.”

The breakfast didn’t come to a close without the benediction by Mayor Mufi Hannemann, and then as a tribute to the U.S. and the troops, Cathy Waiamau performed the National Anthem.

Let it shine

Dancer Rochelle Nicholson, 16, from Kailua, Hawaii, performs during the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Easter Sunrise service held Sunday morning. Nicholson and fellow dancers from Dancing for his Glory performed twice during the one-hour service.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ronna M. Weyland

Support, dance gives former gang member new direction

Lance Cpl. Brandon L. Roach

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

AL ASAD, Iraq — From Brooklyn to the sandstorms of Iraq, one Marine knows that the choice he made, just a short time ago, may have been the difference between life or death.

Lance Cpl. Mike A. Rivera, current operations clerk, Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 3, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, was once involved with a notorious nationwide gang and was headed for a life that most people only see in the movies, but with the help of his family and friends, this now motivated Marine is headed for a greater life.

"I got involved with the gang when I was 17," said the Staten Island, N.Y. native. "I was in it for three years."

When he first got into the gang, it was supposed to be about unity and religion, but in due time, the corruption of drugs and money transformed it from a religious organization into a ruthless gang.

Rivera hesitated for a moment and recalled in a somber tone, "A good man once said to me, 'Hey Mike, I understand you want to be a man and that's fine, but how can you be a man when you have another man tell you what to do?'"

"About a week later, one of the members of our gang had his heart in the right place, but made a wrong decision and paid dearly for it," said Rivera regretfully. "This man did some things that he did not have permission to do, and we were ordered to hurt him in front of

everybody." The last time I saw him, he was being held over the side of a bridge by one foot. They told us to walk away."

"Right then and there, I knew that if I made a mistake and they didn't see it was just a mistake, I could be killed," said Rivera. "This isn't the lifestyle I wanted to live. I wanted to have kids someday. As a father, would I want to bring my children into this type of environment?"

Around this same time, Rivera was getting involved with a dance group called Keep Rising to the Top. His ex-girlfriend was a member of this group and had introduced him to it.

"I have always loved to dance," boasted Rivera.

"Dancing is a large part of my Hispanic heritage and culture."

After several lessons with the group, Rivera was approached by Violeta Galagarza, his dance choreographer, about some beads that he was wearing. They were a known gang sign and she voiced her concern.

Galagarza told Rivera that unless he got out of the gang, he would have to stop dancing for them. This, along with his girlfriend's parents saying that he couldn't date their daughter if he was with the gang, finally gave him the direction he needed.

"I loved her and I loved to dance, so I had to make a choice," he said. "But I knew getting out wasn't going to be easy. I was stuck, because I knew if I tried it, it could result in death."

When the gang heard the news of Rivera trying to get out, they began looking for him at school and around the neighborhoods.

"They didn't come near my home," he said. "They had a rival with another gang there, but the fact that they knew where I lived scared me."

Galagarza's fiancé at the time knew that he could help. He was a former member of the same gang and was still in contact with some of the older members. He and Galagarza went to them for a favor. A successful meeting with the gang members allowed Rivera out of the lifestyle without being harmed.

Rivera's mother put in for a transfer at her job. He eventually switched schools when they moved out of Brooklyn with his two younger sisters.

Rivera fell behind in his studies after moving to Staten Island and knew, even when he did graduate, he couldn't afford college.

During a trip to the Intrepid Museum in New York, Rivera spoke with a Marine about joining the Corps and how it could change his life.

"He sprinkled the magic powder that made me want to join the Corps," Rivera explained.

This made sense to him considering members of his family have been in every branch of the military. His grandfather and great-grandfather both served in the Marine Corps, so he followed in their path.

Now stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Rivera is deployed with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing to Al Asad.

"He is locked on," said Lt. Col. Philippe D. Rogers, operations officer, MWHS-3. "He knows his job and is always learning more. He constantly looks for ways to improve himself."

Rivera is scheduled to be deployed for one year, and when he gets back, he wants to be a drill instructor.

"I give 100 percent at everything I do in the Corps," said Rivera. "I am a highly motivated person, and I have plans to re-enlist when my first four years are up."

Although Rivera has only been in the Corps for a short time, he has left a growing impact on the Marines that he works with everyday.

"Rivera is really outgoing and motivated," said Pfc. Leah C. Perry, operations clerk, MWHS-3. "He loves to get stuff done. Everything he does has to be accomplished on time."

Recently promoted to lance corporal, Rivera has started his climb in the military ranks. He has also been presented with a safety award for his accomplishments as the MWHS-3 safety noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

Without the help of family and friends, Rivera would never have had the chance to excel in the Corps.

"The majority of people that get involved in gangs don't have the support at home that I had," said Rivera. "Without the help of everyone, I would be dead or in jail by now."

"I expect Rivera to be very successful no matter what career he chooses. The Marine Corps has given him the opportunity to escape the past as well as giving him the tools to become a leader and succeed wherever he goes," said Rogers. "I came in the Marine Corps to lead Marines like Rivera. He is the perfect example of what the Corps is and what leading Marines is all about."

Performers finish world tour at Hickam



Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

Military members and their families gather at the courtyard of Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii April 17, to watch the 2006 Patriotic World Tour. The Patriotic World Tour featured Lee Greenwood singer-songwriter best known for his song “God Bless the USA”, country rockers Restless Heart, comedian Dick Hardwick and the New England Patriots cheerleaders.

Kirsten Tacker

Kukini photojournalist

The Patriot World Tour 2006 ended its 26,000 mile concert circuit Monday night at Hickam Air Force Base.

The show featured country legend Lee Greenwood, country rockers Restless Heart, emcee Mary Therese "TV Personality of the year" for 2005, the New England Patriots cheerleaders and comedian Dick Hardwick.

Musicians from the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band, the Band of the Pacific and the United States Air Force Band, accompanied the PWT to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; Kadena Air Base, Japan; Kunsan Air Base, Korea; Misawa Air Base, Japan; three undisclosed locations in Southwest Asia and Hickam Air Base.

"This has been the most awesome tour of all the tours I have done," said emcee Mary Therese. "It is the camaraderie and that we are all in sync with each other, not that the past ones haven't been."

This was Mary Therese's eighth tour since 2000, a retired news anchor for a CBS affiliate in Macon, Georgia and the daughter of an Air Force recruiter, Therese knows all about the military, she moved 21 times before the age of 21.

"To be able to go and perform on these tours is so incredible, because there are millions of people back home that would love the opportunity as the average American to go and say thanks," said Mary Therese. "So we are bringing millions of

thanks with us."

Newcomers to the tour, Restless Heart has been in the music industry for 22 years. The group explained that this tour is a small slice of showing their gratitude. Restless Heart has participated in two United Service Organization tours prior to this one, but this is their first time performing in a war zone.

"This one is literally a world tour for us and wow it has been amazing," said lead singer Larry Stewart for Restless Heart. "The intense part is flying 26,000 miles in 13 days. There has

been a lot of sleeping on the plane, but you know what? It is an experience we will never forget and we knew it was going to be this way. It's just been incredible."

Some of the motivating factors to play a part in such an intense tour seemed obvious to Mr. Stewart.

"Meeting folks in the hospitals that are giving it their all, if we can make them smile and forget what they are really doing for a moment or an instant in a performance or a visit," said Mr. Stewart. "To me you know, that it is making a difference and that is why we are here."

Even though the performers on this tour have taken part in tours prior to this one, performing in a war zone was a new experience.

"It is definitely scary being in a combat zone, but I have full confidence in my security because the Air Force is doing such a great job," said Alison Preston, New England Patriots Cheerleader. "This is actually my fifth tour and it is the best experience that I've ever had. It is not the fact that we get to travel. It is the fact that we get to meet so many military men and women."

That seems to be the common thread that unites these performers, a passion for the military and all that they do and to simply say thank you.

"I have great affection for those folks that put it on the line," said Mr. Greenwood. "This is my 18th tour and my motivation is to do what we can do to support the U.S. military no matter where they are on the planet. That doesn't necessarily mean war zones, but in this case we are at war."

Not since Bob Hope has

someone been allowed to do the kind of filming they've done on this particular tour.

"We have strict editing guidelines that we will use for the secrecy of some of the missions and the equipment we've seen, but we'll follow those and edit this in May and hopefully get it on the air for Memorial Day," said Mr. Greenwood. "So the public at home can see not just the people that have (sacrificed their lives), but also the mission and how we are accomplishing it in the Middle East."

Mr. Greenwood has also shown his military affection in other ways. Aside from his concert tour, he wears the red metal

bracelet of John Consolvo Jr., a marine pilot MIA who went down in Vietnam, simply because it was given to him.

For Greenwood, Preston, Therese, Hardwick and Restless Heart the tour is over, what remains are memories and a few additional words of thanks to the troops.

"Thank you for what you do, it was an honor to be here and perform for you," said Mr. Stewart. "The tour has been incredible, it has been a trip of a lifetime for all of us. We appreciate what you do."

"We are out here for only two weeks and we are just trying to boost some morale," said

Preston. "Make some people happy and bring a little piece of home to them because they are working so hard for us. It is important for us to go out there and tell them we do appreciate what they're doing."

"Thanks so much for what you do," concluded Therese. "We are all able to do what we do in our everyday lives, whether it is being a reporter, singer-songwriter or a bus driver. We can all do what we do everyday, because you all get up in the morning and put that uniform on and you say, 'I am doing this for my fellow Americans'. They just don't get thanked enough."



Tech. Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo

Lee Greenwood says good-bye and thank you to a crowd of military members and their families during the 2006 Patriotic World Tour at the Hickam Air Force Base courtyard April 17. The Patriotic World Tour which ended at Hickam AFB, Hawaii featured Lee Greenwood singer-songwriter best known for his song “God Bless the USA”, country rockers Restless Heart, comedian Dick Hardwick and the New England Patriots cheerleaders.

ON THE MENU

AT ANDERSON HALL



Today
Lunch
Seafood platter
Fried fish nuggets
Fried shrimp
Fried scallops
Breaded oysters
Lasagna
Baked ravioli
Macaroni and cheese
Simmered asparagus
Italian mixed vegetables
Layer yellow cake
Chewy nut bars
Fruit pies

Pasta specialty bar

Dinner
Roast pork loin
Barbequed chicken
Mashed potatoes
Wild rice
Simmered broccoli
Corn on the cob
Dinner rolls

Applesauce
Chicken gravy
Chewy nut bars
Yellow cake layer
Fruit pies

Saturday
Dinner
Herbed rock Cornish hen
Grilled strip loin steak
Rice pilaf
Mashed potatoes
Herbed green beans
Simmered carrots
Applesauce cake
Fruit pies
Chocolate chip cookies

Sunday
Dinner
Yankee pot roast
Baked ham
Mashed potatoes
Candied sweet potatoes
Simmered mixed vegetables
Simmered pinto beans
Vegetable gravy
Chocolate layer cake
Fruit pie

Monday
Lunch
Baked meatloaf
Creole pork chops
Mashed potatoes
Noodles Jefferson
Boston baked beans
Apple crisp
Chocolate chip cookies
Fruit pies

Pasta specialty bar

Dinner
Baked turkey and noodles
Baked fresh fish
Steamed rice
Simmered corn
Simmered brussels sprouts
Apple crisp
Chocolate chip cookies
Fruit pies

Tuesday
Lunch
Beef Sukiyaki
Pork chop suey
Egg foo young
Chinese fried egg rolls
Steamed rice
Chicken fried rice
Vegetable stir fry
Simmered broccoli
Chow Mein noodles
Sweet and sour sauce
Fruit pies
Chocolate pudding

Taco specialty bar

Dinner
Creole macaroni
Honey ginger chicken breasts
Mashed potatoes
Noodles Jefferson
Simmered green beans
Cauliflower au gratin
Fruit pie
Chocolate pudding

Wednesday
Lunch
Barbecue spareribs
Country style steak

Red beans and rice
Mashed potatoes
Southern-style collard greens
Corn on the cob
Fruit pie
Oatmeal cookies

Hot dog specialty bar

Dinner
Baked chicken
Beef pot pie
Boiled egg noodles
Mashed potatoes
Southern-style squash
Simmered peas with mushrooms
Brownies
Fruit pie

Thursday
Lunch
Baked lasagna
Veal parmesan
Mashed potatoes
Simmered carrots
Italian mixed vegetables
Pizza slice
Garlic toast
Brownies
Fruit pie

Taco specialty bar

Dinner
Chicken vega
Simmered corned beef
Parsley buttered potatoes
Buttered egg noodles
Simmered carrots
Fried cabbage
Apple pie
Oatmeal cookies

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Bidding will end at the close of business on Monday, April 23.

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Minimum bid \$50.* Runs; Needs electrical and interior work.

1990 Mazda MX-6.
Minimum bid \$150. Runs well, exhaust leak; clutch works.

***1990 Cadillac Sedan.**
Minimum bid \$50.* Runs; Possible problems with head gasket.

***1989 Pontiac Firebird.**
Minimum bid \$100.* Parts only.

1994 Ford Thunderbird.
Minimum bid \$100.* Runs, but needs repairs.

1973 Dodge Charger.
Minimum bid \$2,000. Runs well; all original parts

1990 Toyota Camry.
Minimum bid \$600. Runs well; good body.

***1969 Volkswagen Bug.**
Minimum bid \$50.* Not running, rust; parts only.

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For auto info, call 254-7674 or e-mail carl.cabrera@usmc-mccs.org



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